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Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled) ~~A method for reducing circulating fatty acids from, or maintained by, reductase activity of 11-Beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1 (11-Beta HSD1) in adipose tissue in a patient in need thereof comprising inhibiting said reductase activity of 11-Beta HSD1 in adipose tissue in said patient.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing circulating fatty acids ~~from, or maintained by, reductase activity of 11-Beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1 (11-Beta HSD1) in~~ adipose tissue in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient an inhibitor of ~~said the~~ reductase activity of 11-Beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1 (11-Beta HSD1) in adipose tissue, in an amount effective to so inhibit said reductase activity of 11-Beta HSD1 in adipose tissue.

16. (Cancelled) ~~The method of claim 14 wherein the inhibiting is by administering carbenoxolone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.~~

17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the inhibitor is carbenoxolone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. (Cancelled) ~~The method of claim 14, wherein said patient suffers from one of the following: obesity, insulin resistance, or obesity and insulin resistance.~~

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said patient suffers from one of the following: obesity, insulin resistance, or obesity and insulin resistance.

20. (Cancelled) ~~A method for treating obesity, insulin resistance, or obesity and insulin resistance by regulating reductase activity of 11-Beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1 (11-Beta HSD1) in adipose tissue in a patient in need thereof comprising inhibiting said~~

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~~reductase activity of 11-Beta HSD1 in adipose tissue in said patient.~~

21. (Original) A method for treating obesity, insulin resistance, or obesity and insulin resistance by regulating reductase activity of 11-Beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1 (11-Beta HSD1) in adipose tissue in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient an inhibitor of said reductase activity of 11-Beta HSD1 in adipose tissue, in an amount effective to so inhibit said reductase activity of 11-Beta HSD1 in adipose tissue.